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DON'T BE WITHOUT A LIBRARY CARD DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

Glendale, Ariz. — What's in your wallet? September is National Library Card Month, and the Glendale Public Libraries want to spread the word about this little card with a big value.

"A library card is the passport to a world of possibilities," said Glendale's Chief Librarian Cheryl Kennedy, simply walk into a Glendale library and it's obvious the main mission is to offer a variety of resources that meet the unique needs of the community. These days, cardholders not only hold the key to traditional resources such as books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, they also have full access to amenities that provide the latest technologies and services such as personal computers, Wi-Fi, eBooks, eReaders, databases, video games, and Culture Passes.

Using a computer database to rebuild a treasured 1967 Mustang, checking out a Culture Pass to take a favorite aunt to a local museum or even tapping into Brainfuse for homework help are examples of popular services.

Libraries offer the necessary tools to build important skills. "This is absolutely, undeniably, verifiably true," said Kennedy. "I've seen patrons walk into our libraries, having never touched a computer and walk out with polished and professional resumes they created themselves."

Owning a card isn't limited to adults; in fact, this month the Glendale libraries are giving a rubber duck to all children who register for a new card. Children under 14 require a parent or guardian present to apply. A library card is free to all Maricopa County residents.

To apply for a card, either get started online at glendaleaz.com/library or visit the circulation desk at one of the three Glendale libraries: Glendale Main Library at 5959 W. Brown St, Velma Teague Library at 7010 N. 58th Ave. or Foothills Branch Library at 19055 N. 57th Ave. Picture identification and proof of current address information is required to complete the registration process.

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